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Corvette turns heads at area car shows

Hasty's 1973 model takes top local prizes

By Mike Heil
Staff writer

Bill Hasty Jr.'s 1973 red Corvette has a sleek, powerful look. It demands attention, admiration and respect.

Hasty recently entered the Corvette in the second P&P Unit 15 Car and Truck Show at Wilson Park and at the first Wild County Car Show at Wild Country nightclub in Collinsville. Hasty also entered the car at the recent Mitchell Firefighters Car Show.

The Corvette's look impressed judges so much that it was awarded first place at each show.

"I feel extremely proud," Hasty said. "A lot of hard work, time and money was put in it."

The Corvette did not have

that fine-tuned, polished look when Hasty purchased it in 1994 for \$3,500. Because of the mechanical wizardry of his friends Mike Carol, Randy Christie and Chris Morris and about \$40,000 from Hasty's wallet, the Corvette has been transformed into the fine-tuned machine that will be proudly showcased around the Metro East and the St. Louis metropolitan area.

"On a scale of one to 10, it would have been about a one-and-a-half or maybe a one," said Hasty, a 44-year-old car buff who resides off Maryville Road.

Hasty said he and his friends prepped and custom-designed the car's interior and sand framed the exterior on their spare time. If not for their talents and tireless work, Hasty said, the Corvette would not have the look it has.



Bill Hasty Jr. of Granite City shows off some of the trophies and certificates he has won with his 1973 Chevrolet Corvette, a car he enters in car shows throughout the St. Louis area.

"They did most of the work, putting it together," Hasty said. "They were the brains behind the design. Their hands shaped the car."

Despite the Corvette's dynamic appearance and first place finishes Hasty said he and his friends plan to continue to work on it to make it

more impressive. "It's at about 90 percent finished. There are still a few things that need to be done," Hasty said.

School budget OK'd

Board approves \$5.4M deficit

By Mike Heil
Staff writer

Despite a 1999-2000 school year budget deficit of \$5.4 million, which the Granite City School Board approved at its board meeting Sept. 28, the district's financial outlook is anything but bleak.

"We are still very financially strong, based on our fund balance to revenue ratio."

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Officials: We can't get lower speed limits on highway

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Pontoon Beach officials said there is little they can do about requests for lower speed limits.

its along Illinois 162 and a business along Chain of Rocks Road seeking water service from a nearby municipality.

The requests were among items considered at the Sept. 23 Pontoon Beach Village

Fatal August crash prompts appeal to Pontoon board

Board meeting.

Betty Jo Horvath, who lives on Illinois 162, requested that something be done about what she said is dangerous traffic on the road.

Horvath's father-in-law, Julius Horvath, was killed in a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Illinois 162 and Eduardo Drive on Aug. 24.

Betty Jo Horvath said that

because of increases in traffic, she fears for her 13-year-old son's safety because he must cross the road twice daily to get on a school bus.

The traffic flow along the road has increased, and the addition of more residential traffic from subdivisions now being developed is expected to make the problem worse.

"I'd like something to be

done before my son follows my father-in-law," she said.

She asked the village to reduce the speed along the road from its present 45 miles per hour, but village officials said that because it is a state-controlled road, there is little they can do about the speed limit. However, they promised that police patrols in the area will be increased.

They also told Horvath she needed to contact the Illinois Department of Transportation at Collinsville about the speed limits.

Don Schlieter, who annexed into the city in the past year and is planning to open a furniture store along the Chain of Rocks Road northeast of the Interstate 270 and Illinois 111 interchange, asked if the vil-

lage could help him obtain water from Glen Carbon.

Schlieter said his property is in Glen Carbon's fire protection district, and a water line runs within 17 feet of his building.

He said Glen Carbon officials have been pressuring him to de-annex from Pontoon and go to Glen Carbon, something he is unwilling to do.

Village officials advised him that there have been similar situations involving other nearby water districts.

Restaurant patrons urged to obtain hepatitis A injections

Caseyville Hardee's employee had liver infection

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

People who ate at Hardee's in Caseyville on Sept. 23 and 24 are being encouraged to get a shot of immune globulin for protection against hepatitis A.

The Illinois Department of Public Health put out an alert on Friday that a cook at the Hardee's restaurant on Illinois 157 north of Interstate 64 has been identified with the disease. Anyone who ate at the restaurant on Sept. 23 or Sept. 24 may need to get the shot, the alert said.

Hepatitis A can be spread by close personal contact with an infected person. It can also be spread by eating or drinking anything prepared by the infected person who does not thoroughly wash his or her hands after having a bowel movement, according to the statement.

Mark Peters, assistant administrator of St. Clair County Health Department, said that an

employee of the Hardee's came down with symptoms of the disease and tested positive. At that point, it was required that the confirmed case be reported to the state health department, he said.

"Because it was a food handler, the state attempted to isolate the criteria for notification—did this individual make contact with food that was subsequently not cooked and was it served," he said.

Peters said the employee might have been a carrier of the infection and not yet showing symptoms at the time he was working at the restaurant.

"The individual has been treated with the serum. Basically what we're looking at is we treat the symptoms. All the employees (at the restaurant) were administered the serum. It's 85 percent effective in preventing the spread of the disease," he said.

Peters said there was no indication that any

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In remembrance



From left, Nancy Kaprelian of Fairview Heights and Pamela Bock and Victoria Murray, both of Troy, join in a prayer vigil at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City Friday night to mark Hospice of Madison County's 20th anniversary. The organization helps those with terminal illnesses and their families.

American Steel workers locked out from plant

Nearly 1,000 workers at American Steel Foundries in Granite City have been idled after a lockout over stalled contract negotiations.

On Monday, union workers were not allowed to enter the plant.

Workers represented by United Steelworkers of America Local 1063 had voted on and apparently rejected a new contract over the weekend.

A message on the union's telephone Monday said they were "officially locked out" and that pickets would be set up at the plant.

Union officials could not be reached for comment. However, sources said the contract was rejected by union members over the weekend.

The contract expired Thursday, but had been extended until Saturday.

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Village Board approves large sign, manufactured house

Sign would mark new restaurant set for November opening

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Requests for a variance to allow an oversized sign and a doublewide manufactured home were approved by Pontoon Beach Village Board members at the Sept. 29 meeting.

Both requests, which had been approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals, were approved unanimously by the Village Board. There were no objections on file for either request.

A request for a bulk variance was granted to Alvey's Sign Co. and Martin & Bayley

Inc., the owners of the T.J. Sawyer's Restaurant under construction in the Wyss Regional Commerce Park northwest of the Interstate 270 and Illinois 111 Interchange.

A public hearing on the request was conducted that day.

The sign will be located between the restaurant, set to open sometime in November and I-270. It would be 40 feet wide by 17 feet deep, and would be 87 feet tall.

Trustee Bob Vincent expressed some concerns about large signs, especially as development moved closer to residential areas.

A company representative said that the new restaurant

will be one of the first in what Martin & Bayley hope will be a national chain of restaurants similar to TGI Friday's or Applebee's.

The restaurant was originally planned as a Rural Country Cooking restaurant.

Village Board members also approved a request by property owners Walter Crowell, Daniel R. Long and Melinda Mims allowing the placement of a doublewide manufactured home at 1232 McDonough Lake Road.

The Zoning Board stipulated that the driveway must be concrete or asphalt and must be completed within one year.

A public hearing had been held at the site on Sept. 23.

Fire prevention should be ongoing task, says Granite City fire chief

By Mike Heil
Staff writer

The fire that recently destroyed Granite City Carpet City and damaged a business and two homes show people that they should be familiar with fire prevention safety.

Familiarity with fire prevention methods is one way people can avoid a similar fire to their businesses or homes, Granite City Fire Chief Keith Talley said.

As part of Fire Prevention Week, which runs through Sunday, Talley offers these fire prevention tips:

- Install and maintain smoke alarms in each level of your home and regularly test them and change the batteries.

- Families should maintain an attitude of fire safety.

studying fire prevention literature and escape routes.

- Do not leave matches or cigarette lighters within the reach of curious children.
- Never empty an ashtray into a waste basket after extinguishing a butt and don't smoke in bed.

- Do not use electrical or heating appliances with frayed wires or undersized cords.
- Use space heaters that have a tip-over safety switch feature. Make sure your furnace is operating properly and make sure there are no combustibles in close proximity.

GCHS offering PSAT examination

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Working together makes a college search much easier

A recent column in a local publication described a visit to a "major state university" as so impersonal the columnist "could barely figure out (her) reason for visiting."

To prevent such a waste of time, she recommends parents allow at least one half-day for

a college visit.

Spending time is fine, but the real key is how you spend the time.

My 17-year-old son and I just returned from a terrific visit to the University of Kansas. This is the second time my wife and I have

engaged in the process of trying to find the right school for a child of ours, and we have learned some things that could be helpful to other parents.

Ironically, one of the reasons we chose to investigate KU was because it was large. We wondered whether Michael would find a school of 25,000 students overwhelmingly large and impersonal. We had already visited a wonderful small college in a rural setting and concluded it would be too limiting.

We were delighted to discover KU has many structures to involve students and personalize the educational experience.

In fact, one of the things

that made our visit such a success was the personal treatment we received from admissions officers, students who led the tours, students we met informally and even two associate deans. The day after our visit, we received a follow-up telephone call, and several cards and letters arrived within the week.

Obviously, KU deserves most of the credit for the personal way we were treated, but we did some things ourselves that helped personalize the visit.

Our search involved reading up on schools, talking to Michael's high school advisors and networking with other students and parents. At the same time, we asked Michael to identify some of the factors he did and did not want in a school, as well as some of the questions and priorities he had for himself.

Then we charted key factors and began eliminating some schools and prioritizing others. Finally, we were ready to begin the visiting process.

When we called the admissions office at KU to arrange our visit, we explained that Michael had some special interests and would like to talk to representatives who could help him with his questions. As a result, we were scheduled for an hour each with the associate deans of engineering and business.

They were more than willing to explain how their departments worked and to answer my son's questions. We left each session with a much better understanding of just how Michael might fit into each program, and what the challenges and opportunities would be.

We also visited classes because we wanted to evaluate how the combination of large lectures and small seminars would work for Michael. Throughout the visit, we asked questions ourselves in an effort to focus the discussions on what was important to us, and volunteered enough information about Michael so the responses would be relevant.



Dennis O'Brien
FAMILY MATTERS

vant. We also chose a time to visit when the school was not awash with visitors and allowed ourselves ample time to really get to know the school.

We arranged for Michael to spend time with an older friend who was a student at KU, and she took him around and introduced him to other KU students so that he had an opportunity to learn about the school informally.

Interesting enough, Michael received the same advice from students and deans alike: when you come to KU, be proactive and get involved with your teachers and with campus life. Actually, it's good advice on any campus.

In the end, we concluded that KU would work well for Michael. With other schools on his list still to be explored, we don't know whether he will actually attend KU or not. However, we are convinced he would succeed and be happy there if he decides to enroll.

Knowing this takes a lot of the pressure off our search.

Dennis O'Brien is a licensed clinical social worker, experienced educator and therapist, and executive director of the Zink the Zebra Foundation of St. Louis, an organization serving medically fragile children.

Police Blotter

Venice Police

SEXUAL ASSAULT: A Belleville man is facing felony sex charges after allegedly spending the weekend with a 12-year-old Venice girl in a St. Clair County motel. This case is being investigated by the Illinois State Police, who were expected to seek charges against the 21-year-old man Monday. He was in custody in the St. Clair County jail on unrelated warrants.

According to Venice police, the girl was reported missing Friday evening. She had "apparently" been with the man in St. Clair County, where the alleged sexual activity occurred. The man was arrested Sunday afternoon after bringing the girl home.

BURGLARY: Police reported a break-in in an unoccupied residence in the Bexcar Apartments Sunday afternoon. Someone had broken into the apartment, but nothing was taken.

DISTURBANCE: An ongoing dispute in a Venice church resulted in a verbal confrontation Sunday morning. Police from five different departments responded to a confrontation at Antioch Baptist Church, 411 Short St., Venice. The pastor and senior officials of the church were recently ousted, and there was some kind of dispute among congregation members on Sunday morning. No arrests were made. Additional information was unavailable.

Granite City Police

BURGLARY: A burglary occurred at a home Friday in the 2400 block of Dewey. According to a police report, a watch, television and \$400 in cash were stolen from a residence about 9:30 a.m. Police are investigating and have a suspect, a Granite City man. The report did not state how entry was gained.

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In an Emory University survey of 1,000 sexually experienced girls 16 and younger, nearly 85 percent said they would like to learn, "How to say no without hurting the other person's feelings." With findings like these, it comes as no surprise that 62 percent of high school girls who've already tried sex indicated they "should have waited", according to a 1994 Roper-Starch study.

After two decades of being taught that "yes" is the expected answer, it seems apparent that today's teens want to be empowered to say "no."

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The Big Picture

Parents face tough decisions on daycare

Emotional, financial, quality of daycares rank among greatest concerns of many

By Kara Opydyke
Staff writer

One of the most emotional situations a parent may face is the decision to place their child in daycare. And with more parents working today than ever before, the decision is becoming more difficult.

"It's a difficult step," said Theresa Schoenbeck, the assistant director at Carrot Patch Day Care Center in Waterloo. The center, licensed for 99 children, provides care for those ranging in age from 15-months-old to 13-years-old.

Schoenbeck, who has been involved in daycare service for 11 years, said parents with children of all ages are likely to experience a myriad of emotions when sending their child or children to daycare, but it is often the parents with the youngest ones who are the most anxious.

"There's a lot of guilt. They (the parents) worry about the younger ones more because of their lack of communication, and there's more tears when the parents walk out the door," Schoenbeck said.

To help alleviate those concerns, the daycare provides parents with children 15-months-old to 2-years-old a written list of their child's daily activities, including meal times and the time of diaper changes.

For parents with children of all ages, the daycare offers two free visit-days to help parents feel comfortable.

New parents are the most apprehensive, agrees Mary Kay Prader, administrator and registered nurse at Lighthouse Learning Center in Columbia. The daycare is for children who are 6-weeks-old to 8-years-old.

"We spend a lot of time with the parent. We give long tours and ask parents to spend a lot of time here before they enroll their child," Prader said. "A lot of times we have family style meals and events for the whole family. Communication is the key. If they are able to communicate well with the caregiver, they are a lot more comfortable."

Like the Lighthouse, Carrot Patch has an open-door policy that allows parents to call or come in at any time to check on their child.

An open-day care policy, in addition to the number of years a caregiver has been with the daycare, are two of the most important considerations a parent should make when choosing a daycare, Schoenbeck said.

It may also help parents to know that licensed personnel will care for their children. Most licensed daycares require a their early childhood teachers to have 90 college credit hours and six hours in childcare related classes

"There's a lot of guilt. They (the parents) worry about the younger ones more because of their lack of communication."

Theresa Schoenbeck
Daycare director

or 30 college-credit hours with one year experience with at least six credit hours of childcare related classes.

Deloris Stahl, director of Lee's Daycare in Duplo, said she has seen an increase in daycare users in the 30-plus years she has been at the center because of more two-income families and single parents.

The demand for infant care is the greatest, said Stahl, who noted that Lee's cares for 6-week old infants and children up to 6-years-old.

"Any age group needs care because there's so many parents working and single parents. But the infant care is the most in demand."

There's not a week that goes by that we don't get a call from parents of infants," she said.

Mark Vogel, a physical education teacher at Waterloo High School, said his son was 15-months old when he and his wife decided to place him in daycare.

"The first couple of weeks, while you and they make the transition, are the most difficult," he said.

Vogel had also witnessed the positive effects of daycare on his stepdaughter, a kindergarten who had been in daycare for a few years. His experience as a former elementary PE teacher taught him that those who attend daycare make the most successful transition to kindergarten.

Some of the main benefits for children who attend daycare are an increase in confidence, social skills and educational knowledge, Vogel said. For example, among the skills he said his stepdaughter learned from daycare included how to count to 100, say the alphabet and recite her telephone number and address before she entered kindergarten.

Many daycares also have computers in their facilities and take their youngsters on educational field trips.

"It's amazing, the differences (between those who attend day care and those who don't)," Vogel said.

"If people only knew. The positives far outweigh the negatives. I would recommend daycare to any parent."



Dawn Shields of Lighthouse Learning Center in Columbia feeds Kiley Meyer while co-worker Codie Frees attends to Kevin Behnke.

CHASI answers child care questions

By Kara Opydyke
Staff writer

For those with questions about child care, the Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois Child Care Resource and Referral Program is the place with the answers.

The childcare program is a one-stop source providing support service and assistance to childcare providers, parents and employers in Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair and Washington counties.

Though the primary goal of the program is to assist families in connecting with childcare resources, the program centers on five basic core services:

"Database: Detailed information is compiled on all legal child care options offered by homes, centers, public schools, Headstart and others.

"Consumer Education and Referral: Trained professionals provide comprehensive information and educate parents on how to make informed choices about child care.

"Recruitment: Practical start-up and management information is provided to potential home and center based programs.

"Training and technical assistance: Coordinates and facilitates training and consultation for employers, communities and providers to promote quality child care. This department also distributes a quarterly newsletter called "The Link."

"Analysis: Information on parent request and available provider data are analyzed to determine a community's unmet needs.

Janet Dowling, director of child care centers, said the multifaceted program also offers a CRR Subsidy Service program that provides parents with financial help. The program processes and initiates payments to child care providers for recipients whose incomes are less than 50 percent of the state median income and who are working and/or attending an approved education or training program.



Jim Broshears of Columbia puts his father in a carseat after picking up his son, 2-year-old J.T., from Lighthouse Learning Center in Columbia.

Subsidy Services, funded through the Illinois Department of Human Services, also processes payments to providers who serve teen parents who are attending high school, alternative high school, GED classes and/or working.

CHASI was founded in 1983 and is currently the largest not-for-profit, non-sectarian child and family agency in the Midwest.

In addition to the child care program, the program service areas include: adoption, foster care, employment and training related child care, parent training, teen parent counseling, youth and family counseling, child abuse/neglect services, parents care and share of Illinois and Delinquency Intervention.

According to the latest data available, CHASI served 23,612 people in 1998 and 20,733 people in 1997.

More information is available by calling 874-0216 in East St. Louis and 452-8900 in Granite City.

Stay-at-home mom says giving up career is worth it

For Donna Stone, transition was difficult

By Kara Opydyke
Staff writer

When Donna Stone of Columbia left her job as a medical assistant to become a stay-at-home mom, the transition was difficult at first.

Now, however, the mother of two says she wouldn't have it any other way.

"I like being there for them, knowing what they are doing," said Stone. "I just wanted to be home with my kids. We were both for it."

Stone and her husband of six years, Ralph, are the parents of Rachel, 4, and Jacob, 1. The couple also has another child on the way; Stone is five and a half months pregnant with their second daughter.

Their first daughter, Rachel, was 1-year-old before Stone left her job as a medical assistant to become a full-time mom. Her husband, now a civil engineer in St. Louis, was busy earning a bachelor's degree and working at the same time.

Stone says she remembers those times as emotionally trying even though a family member was watching her daughter.

"I worked long hours and so did he," she said. "Sometimes I didn't get home until 6:30 or 7 at night."

Stone said her step-grandmother watched Rachel and she felt it lucky that her daughter wasn't with a stranger, but she still asked what her daughter did all day and felt bad that she couldn't be there.

Stone said she and her husband had talked about her staying home with the children they would someday have before they were married. Thus, the desire was always there. When the couple worked out a budget that accounted for daycare, gas expenses and food, they decided it would also make more sense financially.

"We figured it out and if I was still working I would be using all my paycheck, and maybe some of his, especially with another child," she said.

And though Stone felt she was making the best decision for her and her family, she admits to missing work at first.

"It was an adjustment not talking to other adults," she said. "I have a girlfriend who also stays at home with her children so it helps to call and talk sometimes."

It also helps to take a break sometimes, Stone said, noting that she takes her children to the YMCA or the park for time out.

Stone says staying at home with the children doesn't come without its headaches.

"It's more difficult to stay at home with the kids (than work outside the home). There's not



Donna Stone shares lunch with her children, Rachel, 4, and Jacob, 1. The full-time mom and her husband, Ralph, are expecting their third child in February.

always an answer. They are always tugging at you, wanting something," she said.

Nonetheless, Stone says she thinks the benefits of her job outweigh the negatives.

"It's important if you have to work to have

good daycare, but if it's financially suitable I'd like to stay home," she said. "I couldn't imagine it any other way."

Obituaries

John Crown

JOHN W. CROWN, 62, of Granite City, died at 2:40 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born Nov. 8, 1936, in Haledon, Okla. Mr. Crown retired as a dispatcher for B.V. and G. Transport after 19 years. He was a member of Second Baptist Church in Granite City. He is survived by his wife, Beverly (Bingaman) Crown; a son, Bruce Crown

of Geneva; two daughters, Cathy Crown of Northbrook and Sheri Staffer of Lee's Summit, Mo.; and five grandchildren, Adam, Nicholas and Irene Crown and Stephanie Nichols and Zachary Staffer. Funeral services were held Monday at Second Baptist Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Carl Watkins officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Raymond Graham

RAYMOND E. GRAHAM, 61, of Granite City, died at 10:10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, 1999, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville. He was born Jan. 12, 1938, in Granite City. Mr. Graham was an electrician at Granite City Steel blast furnace and a member of Word of Life Tabernacle in Granite City.

He is survived by his wife, Donna (Atwood) Graham; three sons, Randy Graham of Granite City, Danny Graham of Cordova, Tenn., and Jack Gallia of St. Louis; three daughters, Debbie Goodrich, Debbie McCallister and Cindy Freiner, all of Granite City; a brother, Donald Graham of Manchester, Mo.; 15 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, at Word of Life Tabernacle in Granite City, with the Rev. Henry Clippert officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Granite City. Werner-Mick Funeral Home in Granite City

handled the arrangements. Memorials may be made to Word of Life Tabernacle.

Sister Mary Joseph Held

SISTER MARY JOSEPH HELD, C.D.P., 84, of Clayton, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died at 4:34 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, 1999, at St. Mary's Health Center in St. Louis. She was born Dec. 13, 1914, in Brussels, Belgium. She was a schoolteacher for 50 years, teaching in Madison, Venice, Granite City, Brussels, Meppin, Bonnot Mills, Mo., Lemay, Mo., and Normandy, Mo., and was a member of the Sisters of Divine Providence.

She is survived by a sister, Margaret Devine of Brussels. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Jay Friedl officiating. Burial was in Mt. Providence Cemetery in St. Louis.

Thomas Mortuary in Granite City handled the arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Society of the Divine Savior, Sacred Heart League or Salesian Missions.

Maybelle Hydron

MAYBELLE E. (HOENIG) HYDRON, 79, of Edwardsville, died at 1:09 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

She was born May 26, 1920, in Jarvis Township. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Edwardsville. She is survived by a son, Philip Hydron of Livingston; three daughters, Leona Pryor of Granite City, Linda Thomas of Panama, and Paulette DeCondon of Glen Carbon; a brother, Melvin Hoenig of Mt. Olive; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Weber Funeral Home in Edwardsville, with the Rev. Stephen Disney officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Edwardsville. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Edna Webster

EDNA M. (CAMPBELL) WEBSTER, 80, of Granite City, died at 9:25 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, 1999, at her residence. She was born July 3, 1919, in East St. Louis. Mrs. Webster retired in 1971 from St. John's Health Care, where she was a home health aide. She was a member of Pontoon Beach senior citizens and a retired beautician. She is survived by a daughter, Judith Nowack of Granite City, a brother, Julius Campbell of Huntington Beach, Calif.,

three sisters, Agnes Barrett of Columbia, Jan Fry of Starke, Fla., and Rosalee Payne of Granite City; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Werner-Mick Funeral Home in Granite City, with the Rev. France Tabeguerran officiating. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Fairview Heights. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Madison County.

Della Wehrman

DELLA MAE (EMERSON) WEHRMAN, 71, of Fairmont City, died Monday, Oct. 4, 1999, at her residence.

She was born May 20, 1928, in Rumbauer, Mo. Mrs. Wehrman was a U.S. Women's Army veteran of World War II, was retired from St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis and was a member of Senior Citizens of Fairmont City. She is survived by her husband, Roy Wehrman; two daughters, Joyce Hahn of Granite City and Janice Scott of Fairmont City; a son, Roy Wehrman Jr. of Heppzbeil, Ga.; stepchildren, Pauline, Alice, Albert, Wendy, Wanda and Susie; a sister, Wilma Foster of Rumbauer, Mo.; seven grandchildren, Cristy Smelser, Eddie Hahn, Davey Wehrman, Steve Richard, Mike Woodin, Jerry Woodin and Shannon Dougherty; and nine great-grandchildren. Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Kasky Mortuary in Fairview Heights. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Belleville.

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Melucci: New system could be trouble

Child support payments no longer coming from his office, but from state

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Madison County Circuit Clerk Matt Melucci said he fears trouble brewing over late child support payments with the advent of a new federally mandated system.

The new system, in effect since Friday, calls for parents - usually mothers - to receive their child support checks from a company under contract to the Illinois Department of Human Services, instead of from the Circuit Clerk's Office in their local counties.

"We're anticipating there certainly could be delays. It's beyond my comprehension how they are going to keep up," Melucci said.

Until Friday, the Circuit Clerk's Office was charged with the responsibility of taking payments from fathers or other parent, and distributing the money to the recipients. The clerk's office got involved in the collection process in cases in which a judge had to order the support payments taken out of people's paychecks.

There are about 13,000 such cases in Madison County. Business groups, concerned with having to deal with multiple cases and multiple county clerks' offices, persuaded Congress to pass the law, making it easier on them to deduct the money and send it to one

distribution point.

Melucci said he sees the point as far as the businesses are concerned, but he is concerned about the recipients.

A late check can make matters go from tough to tougher for single mothers, said Joanne Berry, who received checks with which to help raise her daughter for about six years.

"I got a monthly check

from the Circuit Clerk's Office, and it can mean the difference between having to use credit cards that charge interest or having your landlord mad at you for late payments," she said.

The late checks can cause increased late fees from the electric company and reduce the sense of security for mothers attempting to raise children on their own.

The clerk's office and the judges were able to keep in touch over matters of child support payments, and the system seemed to work well here, Melucci said.

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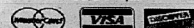
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GC School Board approves new budget

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said Kyle McQuaid, the district's finance director. McQuaid was referring to the state's financial watch list, which a district is put on if it

has a negative fund balance revenue ratio. Granite City School District's fund balance ratio is 11 percent.

Moreover, McQuaid said the district will take in about \$57.1 million during the school year and spend about \$62.5

million, making up the district's \$5.4 million budget deficit. One would think it would be a financial burden to the district.

It would have, McQuaid said, if the district would not have saved \$11 million.

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Public urged to obtain hepatitis injections

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of the employees failed to follow procedures for hand washing.

Hepatitis A is a viral infection that causes inflammation of the liver and occurs 15 days to 50 days after exposure to an infected person.

Symptoms may include loss of appetite, tiredness, nausea and vomiting and in many infected persons, yellowing of the skin or the whites of the eyes.

Diarrhea is usually not present with this disease, but when it is present, the risk of transmitting the virus to others is increased.

P. J. Burtie-McCredie, a spokesperson for the IDPH, said that immune globulin shots are being offered by Madison County Health Department, St. Clair County Health Department, Clinton

County Health Department in Carlyle and East Side Health District.

"Late Friday, I received a memo stating that they would be offering immune globulin to persons with appropriate exposure history," Burtie-McCredie said. "They would have had to have been in the restaurant on that day, and have eaten the kinds of foods handled by the infected person, in order to have the appropriate exposure history."

"I had someone call this morning, and they had eaten there on Sept. 30. I referred her to the county and said I didn't think they would need to give her the shot."

According to the statement put out by IDPH, the disease is not usually fatal. Most people recover without any complications, but on rare occasions it can be fatal, the statement read.

Burtie-McCredie said the single most important thing that can be done to fight the spread of the disease is that everyone should wash his or her hands thoroughly after using the bathroom.

"That will take care of hep-

atitis A as well as a lot of other diseases that are passed on from person to person," she said.

"Hepatitis A doesn't have a particular treatment," Burtie-McCredie said. "There are no special medications or antibiotics used to treat it. Once the symptoms appear, bed rest is usually all that's needed."

"The person will need to essentially rest, and the illness will clear on its own." There are no state regulations regarding follow-up at the restaurant, Burtie-McCredie said.

"As far as that's concerned, there's nothing in the rules or regulations that pertains to that," she said. "Usually an incident like this does encourage the restaurant and the local health department to come in and take a look at how that particular restaurant does handle bare-hand food contacts, and also look at how they handle hand washing rules for those who do handle food."

"As far as inspections are concerned, that would have to be the jurisdiction of the local health department."

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DESSERT Dependency



Sweet temperance invites chocolate indulgence

By Janice Dénham
Staff writer

If an invitation to a chocoholics' convention arrived in the wrong mailbox, it may be hard to forward it to its addressed destination. For many people, Death by Chocolate is more than a dessert; on certain days, it is a goal. Still, if the healthy-living rule about eating everything in moderation is followed, that means chocolate, as well as broccoli, should be eaten in reasonable amounts. Many people find the will power of a person who scans a buffet table of desserts and opts for a single sugar cookie, instead of piling his or her plate first with chocolate desserts, beyond their range of possibility.

There really is nothing

wrong with eating chocolate treats, as long as they are not oversized, super-indulgent ones all the time. Portion size has much to do with it. So does starting with a recipe that uses moderate ingredients.

Rich chocolate tastes delicious, but options abound for making baked goods with a base of nonfat cocoa. Heavy cream adds richness, but buttermilk contributes it with less fat and fewer calories.

Using egg whites without the yolks holds down fat and cholesterol, too. Fruit sauce adds tangy sweetness to chocolate desserts.

Nonfat chocolate syrup is an asset to keep on hand. Pour it on nonfat frozen yogurt to make sundaes. Because a chocolate beverage reinforces the basic flavor, mix the syrup

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Mitch Linhardt illustration

Memory Jar

Begin now to celebrate end-of-year holidays, a birthday or retirement with a Memory Jar for three generations. Each day, the middle generation can share a story about Grandma or Grandpa with the children. Write down a short version that starts "Remember when..." and place the paper in a jar. The jar becomes a gift to the oldest

generation to read one day at a time as well. The jar provides a connection and opportunity to model respect between the ages. If youngsters are lucky enough to be around their grandparents when they read the notes, they will be surprised to hear the story related from a different perspective.

From "Stop Screaming at the Microwave: How to Connect Your Disconnected Life," by Mary LaVerde (Simon & Schuster, 1998)

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Strawberry topping gives weekend pancakes a gourmet finish. Over low heat, warm 1 jar (12 ounces) strawberry preserves, 1 cup-quartered fresh or frozen (thawed) strawberries and 2 tablespoons margarine or butter, stirring occasionally, until margarine is melted and mixture is hot. Pancakes can be plain or have a few fresh or frozen (thawed) blueberries or raspberries added just before pouring on griddle.

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Exercise seems to give more restful deep sleep. In studies last year, these benefits persisted across ages. Exercising even once a week showed benefits. Exercise just before sleeping may be delay rest for some people, but overall regular exercise reduces the risk of sleep problems.

Fresh Picks

Pomegranates have been slow to catch on in the United States, although Spanish missionaries brought them to California 200 years ago. As colorfully reminiscent of fall as cranberries, they have a leathery rind. A spongy white membrane holds the goal: seeds with a sweetly tart, juicy texture. They can be eaten plain, but using them as garnish or as part of fruit or green salad, sprinkled over grilled meat or seafood or in a sauce updates their style. To dislodge seeds, score the rind and immerse the fruit in a bowl of cool water 5 minutes. While the pomegranate is still underwater, pull away the rind. Displaced seeds sink, while unwanted portions float. Drain, then gently pat dry the seeds. Pomegranate juice is used to make grenadine syrup.

Big Fat Tip

Stretch 8 ounces of lean beef top round steak to make 4 servings. Heat 1-1/2 tablespoons olive or peanut oil. Add 8 ounces top round steak, sliced across grain in 2-by-1/2-inch strips. Cook and stir over high heat 3 to 5 minutes. Add 1 large onion, cut in small chunks; 2 cups broccoli florets; 2 carrots, shredded; and 1 red bell pepper, cut in strips. Cook 2 minutes. Reduce heat. Add 3/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce, 1 teaspoon ground ginger root and 1 tablespoon water. Cook, covered, 3 to 5 minutes until meat and vegetables are tender. Stir often. If desired, serve over rice.

Future Shop

If markets listen to a study conducted by KPMG and the Indiana University Center for Education and Research in Retailing, they will offer opportunities for customers to scan their own goods mechanically. Only half as many said they like to bag their own purchases.

Today's Food

Time is always right now to have potatoes

Purely Idaho Potatoes are the first ready-cut potatoes to hit St. Louis produce departments. They have been available since early this summer at Schnuck Markets.

Fresh-cut potatoes with no other ingredients or preservatives are available in 1-pound packages for \$1.99. They bear a "use by" date.

The potatoes are cut with peels intact and vacuum-packed ready for cooking. The product is supposed to be 80 percent cooked, so they should be ready quickly. Each package includes instructions for two cooking methods, which vary between stovetop, conventional oven and microwave oven.

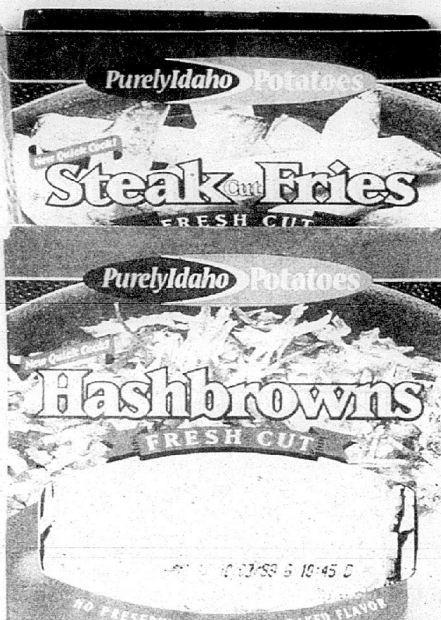
The hash browns were the most appreciated of the varieties. One tester liked their convenience.

"I've used them for my husband and myself more than once. I bought them when they were priced 2-for-1, which I considered a decent bargain for convenience. We enjoyed having a few hash browns with our twice-a-week eggs in the mornings on days when I wouldn't have taken time to grate potatoes," she said.

They also made about four servings, close to the five estimated on the package. She prepared them with nonstick cooking spray, rather than oil or butter, in a skillet. "I didn't think there would be that many when I looked at the size of the package. They also held up well in the vacuum packaging. They did not turn color before or after opening. The package says to use them within 48 hours after opening, which gave us a chance to fix them a second time as part of a main dish," she added.

Another "true hash brown fan" was disappointed by the results following directions in a microwave oven. Only a few pieces of potato around the edge browned and 1 tablespoon of oil was not enough to flavor them adequately to resemble the real dish, she thought.

"I'll continue to eat hash browns in restaurants. They are just too much trouble to fix at home except for a special occasion," she said.



Cutting and slicing are not part of the routine with fresh-cut potatoes available packaged in the produce department.

The grated potatoes fared better for value than some of the other cuts. One couple agreed that the potatoes did have the advertised "fresh-baked flavor," but thought they were too expensive for a regular steak-cut potato.

"My husband and I thought it would be just as easy to cut the potato ourselves, since the only timesaver is the cutting. There's no pre-seasoning or instant aspect to it. Cooking took as long as for a potato you cut yourself," a tester said.

She baked them according to the directions, but they seemed a little underdone, so

she finished cooking them in a microwave oven about 1 minute.

The package, a tester noted, had eye appeal, but another did not like the double-cover with paper over plastic. A tester noted that the plastic tray for the potatoes was not recyclable.

"This may be because of the vacuum processing, but there are a lot of other less-natural products that are frozen or refrigerated that offer something besides toss-away value to their consumers. And I am under the impression that these are not a highly-processed product," she said.

By Betty Serati
Correspondent

October brings cooler weather and a taste of the hearty flavors of apples, turkey, and pumpkin on its seasonal ride. Another gem of fall produce is the pear.

The pear appears in a myriad of roles. Its delicate

fragrance and promise of sweetness invites itself into fall menus. The aroma shares its character in other dishes, too.

Though often overlooked, this versatile fruit can be an ingredient in menu items ranging from appetizer to dessert.

The mellow pear cut into slices compliments brie or other cheeses for a simple and easy appetizer. Pear slices combined with walnuts add incredible flavor to salad.

Cooking gives pears new life. Done in a microwave oven, their delicate flavor is preserved.

To energize an otherwise boring side dish of mashed potatoes, simply quarter, peel and core two pears. In a microwave-safe dish, cook them about 4 minutes on high power until tender. Add 2 tablespoons butter.

Mash together the potatoes and pears, leaving them both chunky. To liven up the dish more, add chopped

Canadian bacon or ham.

Of course, the pear shines when starring in dessert.

The historic dinner served April 14, 1912, on the Titanic featured pears in the dessert. Last year canned pears were the surprise

ingredient in the Pillsbury Bake-Off \$1 million winning dessert of Macadamia Fudge Torte.

These microwave-easy pear finales are guaranteed to bring the cook rave reviews, if not \$1 million.

Betty Serati specializes in microwave cooking.

PEAR AND CRANBERRY RISP

1 cup flour
2/3 cup light brown sugar
1/2 cup uncooked oatmeal
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
8 large pears, peeled, cored, cut lengthwise
1 cup fresh cranberries
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
Vanilla ice cream

Combine flour, brown sugar and oatmeal. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse meal.

Combine pears, cranberries, sugar and cinnamon. Mix well.

Pour fruit into 2-quart microwave-safe dish. Top with flour mixture. Cook on high power 10 to 12 minutes until fruit is tender.

Top with ice cream. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

PEAR GLAZE PIE

Single-crust pastry shell, baked
4 cups sliced, peeled pears
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup sugar
2 tbsp. cornstarch
1/2 tsp. shredded orange peel
1-1/2 cups pear nectar
1 tsp. vanilla
Whipped cream for garnish

Combine pears and cinnamon. Arrange in baked pastry shell.

In medium microwave-safe bowl, stir together sugar, cornstarch and orange peel. Stir in pear nectar. Mix well.

Cook on high power, stirring occasionally, 2 to 4 minutes until mixture is thickened and bubbly.

Cool about 10 minutes. Stir in vanilla.

Pour liquid glaze evenly over fruit. Chill at least 2 hours. Top with whipped cream.

Dessert

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with skim milk.

For a cup of hot chocolate, combine 2 teaspoons unsweetened cocoa powder and 1 teaspoon sugar in a microwave-safe mug. Stir in 3/4 cup skim milk and a pinch of cinnamon. It will take just 90 seconds on high power in a microwave oven to have a richly-flavored steaming brew.

Foods seemingly liposuctioned of fat can be hazardous. They often contain at least as many calories as their fat-laden relatives. Yet they leave a person short of being satisfied.

There is no reason not to enjoy fine chocolate. Go for satisfaction. Dark chocolate is more intense in flavor than milk chocolate. Sharing a bit of rich chocolate with a friend offers another type of satisfaction.

Give these lighter chocolate treats a try and consider joining the reformed chocoholics support group.

CHOCOLATE CHIP BUBBLE BISCUITS

2-1/2 cups complete buttermilk or regular buttermilk pancake mix
1/3 cup plus 1/4 cup sugar
1 cup semisweet mini chocolate chips
2/3 cup water
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 tsp. vanilla
3 tbsp. finely chopped walnuts
1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease 9-inch

square pan.

In large bowl, combine pancake mix, 1/3 cup sugar and chocolate chips. Blend well. Add water, sour cream and vanilla. Blend well.

On well-floured surface, form dough into 16 balls. Place in prepared pan in four rows.

In small bowl, combine 1/4 cup sugar, walnuts and cinnamon. Blend well. Sprinkle evenly over balls of dough in pan.

Bake in preheated oven 25 to 30 minutes until golden brown.

Cool 10 minutes. Serve warm.

Makes 16 biscuits: 160 calories, 5 g fat, 2 mg cholesterol and 290 mg sodium each.

CHOCOLATE BUTTERMILK CAKE WITH RASPBERRY SAUCE

1 cup cake flour
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder (preferably European-style)
1/2 cup sugar
6 packets (or 2 tsp. bulk) sweetener (Sweet 'N Low specified)
2 tsp. baking soda
1/8 tsp. salt
3/4 cup buttermilk
2 tbsp. liquefied butter seasoning mix (Butter Buds)
2 tbsp. oil
1 tsp. vanilla
6 large egg whites, at room temperature
1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
Raspberry Sauce, if desired

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Coat 10-inch round cake pan with nonstick cooking spray and line bottom with circle of waxed paper.

In large bowl, combine flour, cocoa, 1/4 cup sugar, sweetener, baking soda and salt. Using electric mixer, beat low speed, add buttermilk, butter flavor, oil and vanilla. Mix until smooth.

In large metal bowl, using electric mixer at high speed, beat egg whites, remaining 1/4 cup sugar and cream of tartar until stiff but not dry.

Gently fold chocolate batter into egg white mixture. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven 25 minutes or until center springs back when touched lightly.

Place in wire rack 20 minutes. Invert onto wire rack and remove pan and waxed paper. Cool completely.

Serve cake with fresh fruit or Raspberry Sauce. Makes 10 servings: 130 calories, 4 g protein, 22 g carbohydrate, 3 g fat, no cholesterol and 270 mg sodium each. Food exchanges: 1/2 starch, 1/2 fat.

Raspberry Sauce: Puree 1 package (16 ounces) frozen unsweetened raspberries, thawed, in blender or food processor. Strain through colander or cheesecloth to remove seeds. Place raspberries in small saucepan. Add 2 or 3 packets Sweet 'N Low or sweetener to taste. Stir in 1 tablespoon cornstarch dissolved in 2 tablespoons cold water. Cook over medium heat 1 to 2 minutes until thick and bubbly. Cool before serving.

Makes 1 cup (5 servings), 70 calories, 16 g carbohydrate, no fat or cholesterol per 3-tablespoon serving. Food exchange: 1 fruit.

Prize-winning tortillas hold up chicken with chile intent

Joyce Tecklenburg, St. Louis County, wins this week's Quick Tex-Mex Recipe Contest. Her prize is dinner certificates at the Pasta House Co.

The recipe was shared by a former neighbor, she says, "who hardly ever cooked." Because this was one of the few dishes she made, Tecklenburg figured it must be either very easy or exceptionally delicious. She was delighted to find it was both.

The easy filling bakes with chicken part of the creamy mixture. Tortillas on the edge have an opportunity to get crisp, then cheese melts over them.

Recipes for cookies should be postmarked by Oct. 31 to be considered a possible winner one of the four Wednesdays in November.

The contest is a traditional category for the month of October, with any kind of cookie welcome.

A single recipe should be sent to: Cookie Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis 63131. It also can be e-mailed to westnews@primary.net.

Winners will be chosen from entries on the basis of taste and eye appeal, as well as originality, although the recipe need not be original. As usual, the history of the recipe will be considered part of the entry. If possible, name the recipe's source.

Type or print the recipe legibly on one side of the paper. Include name, address and telephone number on the entry. Name the Journal you

receive. Double-check the recipe as it is written for both amounts and directions. Include any variations that make this dish special.

Winners are notified by mail. Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with the rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after their prize-winning publication date.

EASY CHICKEN-CHILES CASSEROLE

8 (10 inch) flour tortillas
2 cups cooked chicken, cut in bite-size pieces
1 can (10-3/4 oz.) cream of chicken soup
1 carton (8 oz.) sour cream
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1 can (4.5 oz.) green chiles, chopped
3 cups (12 oz.) shredded cheese - cheddar, taco-seasoned or combined cheddar and Monterey Jack
Optional toppings: shredded lettuce, chopped tomato and salsa

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat 13-by-9-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

Combine chicken, soup, sour cream, onion, chiles and half the cheese. If desired, filling can be covered and refrigerated at this point until casserole is put together.

Line pan with half the tortillas. Pour chicken mixture over tortillas. Top with remaining tortillas. Bake in preheated oven 40 minutes. Top with remaining cheese. Bake until cheese on top melts.

Serve with optional toppings.

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TIP ROAST AND MARINADE

4 lb. beef tip roast
1/2 cup lemon juice
1/2 tsp. chopped parsley
1 cup diced onion
1 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. chopped marjoram
2 cups red wine

Combine lemon juice, parsley and half the onion. Pour over roast. Marinate, covered, overnight in refrigerator. Season meat with pepper. In heavy pot, brown on all sides with remaining onion. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Pour leftover marinade over meat. Roast in preheated oven 25 to 27 minutes per pound for medium (160 degrees) doneness, 28 to 30 minutes per pound for well-done meat. When roast is tender, remove meat from pan. On stovetop, add wine to pan. Stir with juices in pan, pulling brown pieces into liquid to deglaze pan. Slice meat. Pour sauce over individual servings.

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Today's Food

Dicey kitchen tools cut from pro lists

By Carol Schlitt
Correspondent

WISE WAYS

Cooking involves magic. A few ingredients are mixed, stirred or spun together and voila! — they change into delectable muffins or a savory casserole.

Some days that magic wand may seem a little slow or not cut out for the task. Wouldn't it be great to have tools that actually make it easier to clean, peel, chop, mix, beat and cook?

Registered dietitian Alice Henneman, author of a helpful, handy, free monthly electronic-mail newsletter, "Food Reflections," asked Internet discussion groups of dietitians, family and consumer scientists, chefs and other food professionals for their favorite timesaving kitchen tools.

She kneaded the list into 30-plus aids. Here are six of the tools food professionals listed as favorites to hasten

kitchen performance.

Tool 1: Garlic peeler.
The type mentioned most frequently is a rubber tube in which the garlic is rolled a couple times and the skin comes off.

Tool 2: Anything dishwasher-safe.
Many professionals said a tool that claims it is dishwasher-safe is the same as saying "abracadabra" for saving time. No one should buy anything that must be washed by hand without first checking availability of a comparable product that is dishwasher-safe.

Tool 3: Flexible plastic cutting board.
This new kind of board was very popular. After cutting vegetables, fruits and herbs, it is easy to lift the board and pour the contents into a bowl or pan. It should be dishwasher safe, too.

Tool 4: Kitchen shears.
Sturdy, sharp shears perform many, many tasks, from cutting herbs, bacon and pizza to trimming dough and deboning chicken. Many

are labeled dishwasher safe and separate for thorough cleaning.

Tool 5: Pump-spray bottle for oil.
Fill a non-aerosol sprayer with a favorite oil and use it to flavor vegetables, coat pans and grills or spray directly on bread. It need not be an expensive model, but should specify its use with oil.

Tool 6: Funnels.
Kitchen funnels transfer bulk items into smaller containers. They ease the task of filling sugar and salt shakers and cut down on counter and floor spills.

To receive the "Food Reflections" newsletter by e-mail, subscribe online at the web site <http://www.lanco.unl.edu/food> and click on the "Food Reflections" link.

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Waterproofing basement right way can save you lots of money later on

Waterproofing your basement is a smart and rewarding home-improvement project, as it creates new, usable space where you can set up a playroom, spare bedroom, hobby room or workshop.

It also is fairly simple and inexpensive, but you need to understand the steps and tools required to do the job right. This isn't the type of project you want to do repair work on down the road.

Bondex International, a leading manufacturer of waterproofing products, outlines the following basic steps that are involved:

- Direct water away from the outside of the house. Before beginning work on the inside of your house, make sure all outside gutters and drains are free of leaves and debris. Check for any leaks in downspouts and between gutter seams. Be sure rainwater is not being trapped near the foundation, and that water easily flows away from the house.

Water pressure, sometimes referred to as hydrostatic pressure, is caused by water being trapped between the soil and outside wall, pushing against the foundation, and entering through the basement's foundation wall.

If necessary, fill in low spots around the foundation with gravel and soil, caulk around basement windows, extend downspouts, and replace

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broken splash blocks.

- Clean basement walls and plug holes or cracks to stop the flow of running water. Use a cleaning solution and a wire brush to remove all dust, dirt and grease from the walls. Scrape away all loose mortar.

Repair holes and cracks with hydraulic cement. This product expands in the hole or crack for a tight seal and sets very quickly, within five minutes. It can be used to stop the flow of running water even when water pressure exists behind the wall.

- Clean efflorescence off the walls. After all cracks, holes and defects have been patched, inspect the walls for any white or grayish powder on the surface. This is known as efflorescence and is the residue from soluble salts being forced through the wall by water pressure.

It is very important to remove efflorescence before applying a waterproof paint, so that it does not interfere with adhesion of the paint. Use a

concrete cleaning and etching compound, following package directions carefully.

Twelve ounces of crystals dissolved in 1 gallon of warm water usually will remove the powder. Scrub the solution on the walls with a stiff bristle scrub brush, rinse and let dry completely before applying paint. Eye protection and rubber gloves are recommended while applying the etching compound.

- Paint the walls with a protective paint. Paint clean, bare concrete walls with a waterproof coating, again following package directions carefully. Some waterproofing products are powder concentrates that are mixed with water and scrubbed onto the surface. Others are ready-mixed water-based or solvent-based paints that are applied by brush or roller.

Bondex makes a ready-mixed, easy-to-apply, water-based Mildew Growth Waterproof Cement Paint that not only creates a waterproof surface but also protects your basement from mildew growth. The formula contains special

agents that inhibit the growth of mildew on the surface of the paint. If your walls already have been painted with seal porous concrete from within for maximum protection against water seepage.

Two coats normally are required, and the paint can be applied by brush, roller or sprayer. The paint comes in a super-white formula that can be tinted by your retailer to match your decor.

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If applied over existing paint, and if the paint beneath begins to peel, the waterproof paint will peel off with it.

Be shrewd when shopping for fine jewelry

Buying a piece of fine jewelry is unlike any other product. What other product comprises materials that are often billions of years old? The natural gemstones and precious metals from which fine jewelry is created have a uniqueness and complexity that require special knowledge and often geological equipment — not readily accessible to the average customer. No two gemstones are alike; design and quality vary greatly from piece to piece.

Most consumers could not evaluate a strand of quality cultured pearls, distinguish between a blue topaz and a sapphire or recognize a one-carat diamond. And even if they do know the difference between carats and karats, how do they know they are getting what they're paying for?

With the proliferation of jewelry outlets, including catalogs and electronic shopping, selecting where and what to buy can be a daunting experience.

The Jewelry Information Center, a non-profit trade association headquartered in New York City, provides the following tips on finding the right jeweler and what to look for when buying fine jewelry.

Buy from a trusted jeweler

Choosing the right jeweler is like choosing a doctor: ask friends or colleagues to recommend someone they

Ask the jeweler to show you the quality mark for gold, as well as for platinum and sterling silver jewelry. If the quality mark appears on the piece, a registered U.S. trademark is required by federal law that assures the consumer that the manufacturer stands behind the authenticity of the piece. If the trademark is not there, don't buy it.

know and trust. Otherwise, find out how long the jeweler has been in business by checking with the Better Business Bureau or Chamber of Commerce.

The right jeweler is a trained professional who can knowledgeably guide his customer through the selection process. And he will be there later if the piece needs to be cleaned, restringed or remounted. Find out what other services the jeweler provides that might be important in the future. Ask what the return or trade-up policy is.

Finally, is the jeweler affiliated with one of the jewelry trade organizations that require a code of conduct for its members?

Don't be dazzled by discounts

If a store is offering unbelievable discounts of 50 percent or more, the sale probably is just that — unbelievable.

Consumers should play it safe by shopping around first and comparing actual value. They may find that the regular

price at other stores matches or is less than the "discounted" sales price.

Look for registered trademark and quality mark

When buying a piece of gold jewelry, the karat mark, often called the quality mark, tells the percentage of pure gold in the piece. Pure gold, or 24K, usually is considered too soft for jewelry. It must be alloyed with other metals, such as copper, zinc or silver, to give it strength and durability.

Fourteen-karat gold, for example is 58.3 percent gold; the rest are alloys.

Jewelry less than 10K gold (or 41.7 percent gold) cannot be legally sold as gold in the United States.

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Get it in writing

When buying fine jewelry, ask the jeweler to give you a complete description on your receipt. For gold jewelry, ask for the karatage; for diamonds, the cut, color, clarity and carat weight (the weight of the center stone and total carat weight if there are side stones); for colored stones, ask for a description of overall color and carat weight, and if the stone is of natural origin or has been treated in any way.

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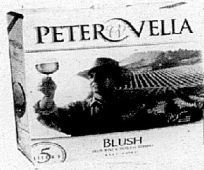
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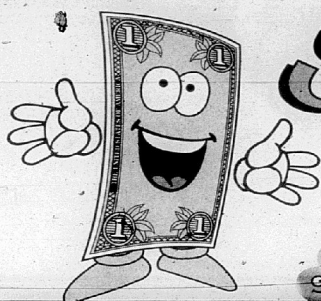
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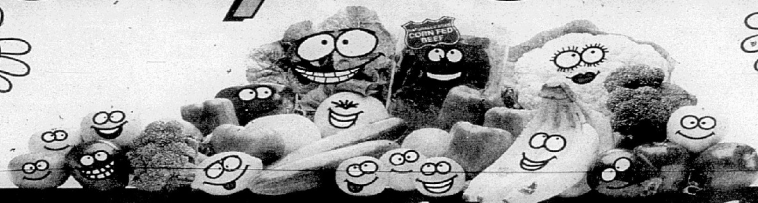
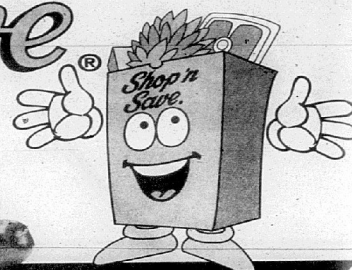
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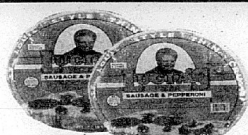
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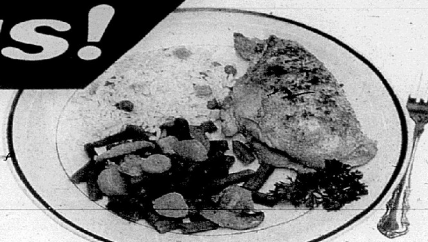


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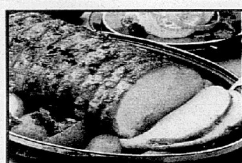
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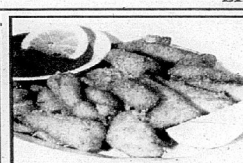
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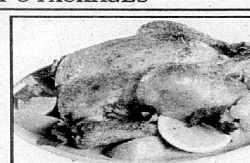
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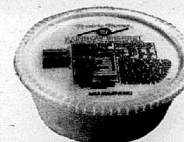
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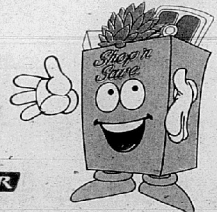
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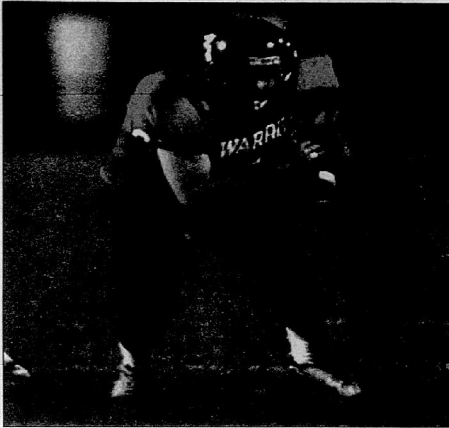
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By Rick Broome
Staff writer

On Friday, Granite City again moved the ball downfield, but the Warriors still managed to drop the game to Belleville East 21-14.

Granite City remains winless for the season.

Warriors halfback Marty Graham amassed 76 yards in the first half and ended with 96 for the game.

Shawn O'Dell added tough yards from the fullback position and intercepted a Bart Bennett pass, returning it 36 yards for a touchdown. The play gave the Warriors a 14-0 halftime lead. Things looked rosy.

But the pass defense broke down in the second half, allowing the Lancers two mid-range strikes through the air, and Granite fell to 0-6.

"We played well, and we played hard the whole game," senior receiver Kevin Elliott said. "We just aren't doing something right to get it done. We have been

"We played well, and we played hard the whole game. We just aren't doing something right to get it done. We have been playing hard."

Kevin Elliott
Granite City senior

Junior Jon Franco again led the Warriors in the absence of senior quarterback Zack May, out since the second week of the season with a separated shoulder.

Franco led the Warriors down the field in the last two minutes of play and gave his team a chance to win. But his pass was picked off at the goal line with five seconds on the clock.

May patrolled the sidelines Friday

night, encouraging his team to fight to the final whistle. He liked what he saw out of his replacement.

"He drove them down on that last series, and he did real well," May said.

"He made some good decisions on his running. He had open grass a lot, and he ran, and he made good decisions when most people were saying he wasn't making good decisions. I thought, and I know the coaches thought, that those were all good decisions when he ran for first downs instead of throwing."

"I thought he played real hard. I know he wanted to win, just like the rest of the team. He played real hard."

May's availability for Friday's game at Belleville West was still up in the air at press time.

"I don't know if I'll play yet," May said. "I'm still working with (the trainer) on my strength. My strength still isn't there, and my motion isn't what it should be. I can throw and everything, but if I get hit again, the shoulder might come out again. I just have to wait and take it day by day."

GCHS, Stars scrap ends in 0-0 tie

Rough weather, play contributes to lack of goals

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City and Florissant (Mo.) McCluer North spent a dismal

autumn Saturday at The Gauntlet and left with a 0-0 tie.

The wind blew cold and hard across the field while the rain fell. Players followed it down, brought to the ground, by late shots to the ankles and feet.

"It was pretty physical," Warriors defender Jeremiah Beckley said. "There were a lot of little cheap fouls. We played a good game, a consis-

tent game. At times, we were on. People were looking up, and we were talking a lot more in this game all around."

The increase in communication failed to lead to more scoring, but the game was not without its chances.

Jeremy Hickam took a feed on a play in the corner early in the first half and blasted a shot that sailed just over the crossbar. An apparent goal by the Stars' Denny Mehegan also was negated by an offside infraction.

The Warriors stepped it up in the second half. Twice within a minute late in the game, Warriors senior Jarod McMillan sent throw-ins deep in the McCluer box but failed

to find a teammate.

With six minutes to go, Granite keeper Justin Neehr shot out his foot lightning-quick to stop a Stars shot. Neel Loftus had a chance at the game-winner with 1:30 to play but failed to convert on the doorstep.

Play got rough early, but the officials failed to get control of the game. By the second half, the goings-on resembled tackle football more than soccer.

"It's pretty depressing," Granite City coach Gene Baker said. "There was no reason for it to be that physical. I think it was their way of staying in the game. They realized it, and we didn't get

any equity out of it. What can we do?"

"I can't honestly say that anybody didn't play a good game. We just didn't score when we had much the better of play. That can happen, but we would like to think that we prevent that from happening, and we didn't."

The Warriors are now 9-3-2 overall on the season.

The 19th Annual Pepsi Cola/Granite City Tournament of Champions began Monday at The Gauntlet. The Warriors faced Aquinas-Mercy at 7:45 p.m. Granite plays St. Charles (Mo.) West at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday before wrapping up round-robin play Thursday at 7:45 p.m. against Blue Springs (Mo.)

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Tim Stephenson photo

Jarod McMillan and his Granite City teammates opened action in the Tournament of Champions on Tuesday.

Community responding to appeal from committee

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

A volunteer committee looking to enlighten Granite City has struck paydirt.

Recent developments in the campaign to bring new lights

to the football field have yielded quick results. Donations are pouring in as members of the community purchase memorial bricks that will form part of a new walkway from the entrance to the football stadium to the verge of the field.

Group has collected more than \$7,000 for lights at high school

The money raised will be used to pay for the new lights.

"We are over \$7,000 in the bank, and that's pretty good for only three weeks," committee member and former Granite City baseball coach Babe Champion said. "We also have probably \$3,000 or \$4,000 pledged."

"We still need \$80,000 if we are going to do this professionally and have it done right."

Donors may purchase 4-foot-by-8-foot bricks for \$100, or 8x8 bricks for \$250. Each brick will be etched with

either the name of the donor or a name which the donor may choose. The walkway will lead directly away from the new building housing the ticket-taking and concession stands.

"A lot of people don't understand where the bricks are going to go, and now we are trying to get some literature out," Champion said. "We want to get a sketch of this building next week and have a computerized sketch of how the building will look. That's with the cooperation of the yearbook staff."

A variety of former members of the Granite City family are playing a part in the construction of the walkway.

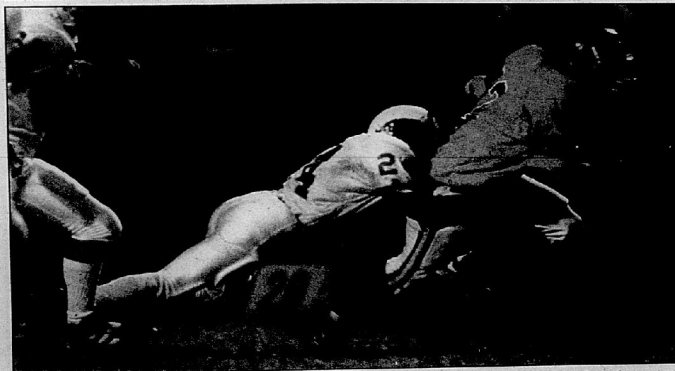
"I have a lot of retired teachers and their families looking to make donations," Champion said. "My coach back in 1946, Glen Rice, passed away, and his daughter sent me a memorial for him. He coached and taught here from 1945 to 1969. That's what we are looking for. We have a lot of people from back in the '30s, '40s and '50s. Now we just have to get

"We hope the graduates will be able to read their diplomas out on the field next spring."

Babe Champion
Former baseball coach

the people from the '70s and '80s. They talk about it, and now we just want them to do it."

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John Swistak Jr. photo

Collinsville's Derrell Dunlap takes down East St. Louis ballcarrier Dontrell Harriel during Friday night's Southwestern Conference game at Clyde Jordan Stadium. The Flyers posted a 45-23 victory.

Kahoks show mettle in SWC loss

Collinsville squad still battled after falling into 21-point deficit

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

When Collinsville High fell behind 21-0 with 10 minutes 29 seconds remaining in the sec-

ond quarter,

Friday night against East St. Louis, the Kahoks easily could have cashed it in. Instead, the Kahoks (2-4) marched 71 yards in 10 plays for a touchdown. Cory Wilson's 2-yard TD run revived the Collinsville squad.

When the Kahoks turned the ball over on their first two possessions of the third quarter and the Flyers (3-2) turned it into 10 points to take a convincing 31-7 lead, the route could have been on.

But again, Collinsville continued to scrap and make a contest of the game, battling to within 38-23 with 7:28 to play in the game.

East St. Louis managed to hold on for the 45-23 Southwestern Conference win which allowed one team to maintain some playoff hope.

"We were going to put in our young guys, and get in some work with them," East St. Louis coach Terry Hill said. "Every time we looked around, Collinsville was scoring so we always had to go back with our first team. They played a good game."

The Kahoks jumped back into the game behind the work of their offensive line.

The unit stepped up its game after lineman Kevin Wiegars was taken from the

field by ambulance in the third period.

Trailing 31-7 at the time, Collinsville put together an eight-play, 80-yard drive. Eric Stewart raced 45 yards for the touchdown to cap the drive.

The score was Stewart's sixth TD of the season. He has 140 carries for 783 yards this season. Quarterback Derek LeMaster added the two-point conversion.

East Side recovered Collinsville's onside kick attempt. Dontrell Harriel caught a 5-yard TD pass five plays later as the Flyers went up 38-15.

Less than one minute later, the Kahoks scored again. LeMaster hit Jake Barrows with a 36-yard reception to put

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Donahue's 48-yard field goal among grid highlights so far

When he kicked it, I thought there was no way the 48-yard field goal attempt by Ryan Donahue of Althoff would clear the goalpost in the Crusaders' 20-0 victory against Belleville West at Township Stadium on Sept. 3.

However, as I followed the flight of the ball and realized Donahue is a soccer-style

blackout with 8:50 to play in the first half of the Sept. 17 showdown with Alton. The Flyers posted a 15-7 victory as Anton Whitley's 9-yard run was decisive.

Rally cap: Freeburg quarterback Drew Gericke lifted the Blue Rage past Carlyle on Sept. 24 as his 52-yard scamper was the difference in a 31-27 decision.



Art Voeltinger
Sports Views

Emig, also in a game against Belleville West.

A junior, Donahue handles the punting and kicking chores for the Crusaders. In the eyes of veteran Althoff coach Glenn Schott, Donahue is destined for the big time.

"He's going to get better as he gets older," said Schott, who admits to having limited knowledge of kicking techniques.

After West yielded possession of the ball in the waning moments of the second quarter, Schott alerted Donahue to a shot at entering my annual report of highlights.

"Ryan used a tee for the field goal but in practice he kicks off the grass like they do in college and pro football," Schott said. "The tee gives the holder a target on which to place the ball."

While Donahue honed his skills at kicking camps this past summer, Schott said one of the things his kicker also learned was how to grind down the hard ruer tee to a preferred height.

"He also uses a special ring tee that almost looks like a feeding ring for kickoffs," Schott said.

Donahue also is an outstanding punter with an average of 44 yards per kick and a varsity soccer player.

Additional highlights through the first five weeks of 1999:

Spoiler: O'Fallon's Junior Adams ran for three touchdowns and 162 yards on 20 carries to spoil the varsity coaching debut of Belleville West's Dennis Slep in a 34-20 Panthers victory.

Surge for Serg: Freeburg first-year coach Steve Seregus-ketter watched team score 26 points in the second half en route to a 35-14 opening victory against Roxana.

Welcome mat: Joe Bevis ran for three touchdowns and Travis Evans added two as Edwardsville greeted Chicago Gage Park with a 47-12 decision in the opening week.

First wins: Chris Lindsay notched his first varsity coaching victory at Mascoutah with a 15-12 decision against Collinsville on Sept. 3 as lineman Bill Iler intercepted a pass with 26 seconds to play to preserve the win. Lindsay added two more wins through the first five weeks.

Belleville West's first win for Slep also was against Collinsville, a 21-13 decision the following week. Maroons quarterback Chris Davis found tight end Jarrad Dachsteiner, for TD passes of 19 and 49 yards. Belleville West added another win the following week against Belleville East.

Diamond dandy: Also a baseball pitcher, Cahokia quarterback Darius Smith completed 7 of 13 passes for 203 yards and a TD in the Comanches' 28-12 victory against Althoff.

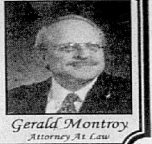
Lights out: The lights at East St. Louis' Clyde Jordan Stadium were set on a timing switch, causing a 15-minute

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Granite City, Stars battle to scoreless tie

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whole week without having

one game that we don't feel satisfied with," Baker said. "We have to get to a point

where we get the full team effort three days in a row. That's tough on us, we don't usually play three days in a row. I had to do that to accommodate some of the other teams. We do this unfortunately in order to host it. Sometimes we are forced to make decisions which may impede our own team."

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Kahoks show mettle in conference game

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the ball on the Flyers 25-yard line. On the next play, Wilson broke free and scored on a 25-yard run. LeMaster hit Barrows on the 2-point conversion to cut the lead to 38-23.

LeMaster had his best passing game of the season, completing 4 for 9 passes for 97 yards. For the season, LeMaster has completed 16 of 43 passes for 361 yards.

"It was nice to see that we got some good protection," Kane said. "We had the ball thrown well. We had some big catches. We had the two-point conversion and that was nice to see. It was nice to move the ball a little bit. We had got some guys open and had some time to throw it."

After the game, Hill was surprised the Kahoks did not go to the air more often. "We knew Collinsville could come back," Hill said. "I watched the game last week. They threw the ball and just drove the ball down against Belleville East. I just knew they were going to try to do that."

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Group hopes to enlighten community about cause

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"We got a contribution of over \$200 from the Class of '74. We have had \$250 from a few of the businesses in the area. We hope they get it in by the end of the year because they can use it as a tax write off. But we want to order bricks in November and hope we can install them next March so that girls soccer will have it in place.

"If we have the brick work done out here, then the people will get excited about it. That building is very nice, and we just want to finish the work they have started."

Aside from photo seekers, many present and future stu-

dents will reap the fruits of the committee's labors.

"Really who is benefiting from this, if these lights are here next year, are the seniors," Champion said. "But how about all of the football players and all of the girls

soccer players who are coming up who are freshmen, sophomores and juniors? They are the ones who will really benefit. Plus all of the fans will benefit."

~ Anyone who has stood in the middle of the football field

at night trying to see a hand in front of his or her face, and failing to do so, knows that the following statement is no exaggeration.

"We hope the graduates will be able to read their diplomas out on the field next

spring," Champion said.

Other members of the volunteer lighting committee are Gus Lignoul, Ron Dillard, David Dombeck, Keith Gehling, Jerry McKeehan, Tom Schooley and Bob

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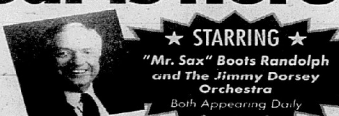
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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6
Venus, the planet of love and romance, enters emotional Cancer today, joining the sun and Mars in this sensitive water sign. Don't be surprised if you feel a sentimental shift in attitude while the skies are dominated by this intuitive force. Let the business-oriented Gemini moon help pull you out of any moody slumps.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(July 21). It's a terrific money year. Things that have been up in the air can become clarified and stable.

ized, this could refer to home, work or both, with a more honed direction emerging around January. Love looks good this month and next and gets even better toward the end of the year. Your best signs for love are Aries and Libra.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Love makes you feel wonderful full about yourself, but don't think that the hard work is over. Luck centers around investments, mutual funds and travel. At work, you are a powerful force for getting projects going.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You make a lucky first impression. If your immediate environment makes you feel tense, change it! Keep true to your financial vision when trends are not necessarily to your advantage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Teach a family member or close friend by your example. Your financial plan is adjusted to include new goals. You meet a romantic prospect during what you considered idle time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Despite your unassuming persona, you can be called on to get the job done. You have wisdom and can use your psychological powers to accomplish wonders with little effort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). On

the job, what you do matters long after you have departed. A romantic relationship may degenerate into a power struggle. Cancel a date you were planning to attend out of obligation for one you will truly enjoy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An authority figure is secretly measuring your effectiveness. Success depends on your ability to relax and be empathetic. You feel compelled to explain your behavior, but actions speak for themselves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It is easy to give the truth to a client or partner when you retain the utmost respect for this person. A spur-of-the-moment financial transaction benefits you.

Physical attraction is strong between you and a Cancer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Do not deprive a sweetheart of physical interaction. A co-worker may be angry enough to dissolve bonds between you - be open-minded, and you can stop this from happening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Years of practicing your talent pay off big now. Building bonds of trust and reliability will overcome impossible odds for success in a certain endeavor. Include a lonely friend in your plans with a sweet heart.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Other people's needs become important to you. In fact, they are the key to getting what you want!

Determine your role in a special person's life, or it could grow into something that will not benefit either of you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You find a shortcut to financial gain. Luck comes in the form of a relationship based on little more than physical attraction is a strong theme. Leo can bring out your aggressive side.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Cultivate empathy. A peace-loving attitude attracts love. Your next career move is now obvious. A reorganization of your time is necessary to fit in the social schedule you desire.

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lawn. If it's relatively weed-
free, an application of
Frank's Fall Lawn Food now
will go a long way in
helping the turf survive the
winter. It'll provide
everything it needs for a
fresh wake-up next spring.
There's still plenty of time
to apply it.

If weeds are present, it's
not too late to get rid of
them. Apply Frank's Weed
& Feed instead of Fall Lawn
Food. This will not only
nourish the lawn for winter,
it will help control weeds,
providing you with a
thicker, lusher carpet of
turf next spring.

Winter mulch is another
form of winter protection.
It helps stabilize the soil
temperature. This stops
repeated freezing and
thawing (called heaving),
which can rip delicate
plants and expose them to
the harsh elements. A
stabilized soil temperature
also means that once the
soil gets cold, it will stay
that way in most cases.

Ready for snow? Many
people have other names
for the stuff, some that
couldn't be printed here.
Others love it. Whatever
your feelings, snow can
also be called mulch.
That's right, snow is
nature's winter mulch. It
spreads out for you, does a
great job of insulating, and
it's free. Of course there's
no guarantee of when and
how much of it there will
be, so providing some of
your own is a good idea.

Many of the items you'd
normally use for mulch in
summer will also work in
winter. Pebbles, bark

nuggets and shredded
bark, for example, make
excellent winter mulch. You
can also use hay, straw,
roping and shredded
leaves. After Christmas,
use tree boughs.

Apply winter mulches
once you're sure the plants
are going dormant, but
make sure you do it before
an injuring hard frost. A
light covering of mulch
won't help much. Spread a
two- to four-inch layer of
the stuff over the soil. Be
sure to cover the root zone
of the plant.

Never mound the mulch
against trunks and stems of
trees and shrubs. Leave a
few inches of space
between plant bark and the
edge of the mulch to
discourage rodents from
gnawing on the bark.

Proper mulching for
winter will give your plants
the best chance of
surviving until spring.

Don't Neglect The Birds
If you've been feeding the
wild birds, make sure you
continue to do so,
especially with winter
approaching. Birds have
become accustomed to
your feeder by now.

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Now is time
for planting
spring bulbs

Match them up with
perennials for nifty
garden combinations

Fall is the traditional season for planting the colorful tulips, daffodils and other bulbs that bloom in the spring.

But today savvy gardeners are taking note that fall is also a perfect time to plant such perennial "bulb buddies" as Forsythia, heuchera, cowslip, hosta, ivy, catmint, primroses and others.

Used in smart combinations, inter-planted bulbs and perennials can create an especially intriguing spring border that serves as a springboard to a super summer garden.

When planning the early spring garden, look to combine early-flowering bulbs with perennials that produce early foliage and/or early flowers. The early, long-flowering miniature Narcissus "February Gold," for example, offers glorious yellow flowers in exactly the same hue as Forsythia intermedia "Golden Bell." This narcissus also teams up smartly with another perennial, yellow cowslip (Primula veris).

Cowslip, in turn, makes a spritely match for other narcissi such as the diminutive yellow favorite "Minnow" and the elegant Louise de Coligny.

For a sophisticated color combo, consider blue lungwort (Pulmonaria anagallifolia), so named because it was once thought to have medicinal qualities related to the lungs, and the later-flowering pale yellow Narcissus Jenny. Both plants thrive in semi-shade and tolerate moisture well.

Bulbs combined with perennials in a landscape are used to complement, not dominate, the planting. The idea is to create a rich tapestry of color, form and texture. Avoid perennials that will spread too quickly and overpower their partners.

Whereas huge beds of tulips or hyacinths were once mainly used to cut blazing swaths of color that bloomed and then faded across the landscape, now they are often used in more subtle combinations to create evolving scenarios in the spring garden. Shape, height, color, texture and bloom times should all be considered.

There's also a practical side to all this. After the flowers of spring bulbs fade, the remaining foliage is left to wilt and die back. While necessary if the bulbs are to flower again next spring, this withering phase can be a let down in the garden.

Inter-planting with quickly-growing leafy ground covers such as hosta, leadwort, ferns and heuchera, can be the answer. Camouflaging with appropriate perennials is a win-win situation in anyone's garden—and pretty too. A planting of Hosta tardiana Halcyon becomes something quite special with the cheerful blue racemes of Muscari Blue Spike peeking through. And why not add tall, elegant green-and-white Tulipa Spring Green to the mix for extra measure? After bloom, the tulips' fading foliage is easily masked by the fast-growing blue-green leaves of the hosta.

One thing to remember when mixing bulbs and perennials is that shade loving perennials can be combined perfectly with many sun loving bulbs. The reason is pleasing. Consider great Eremurus (foxglove lily) with plant-buddy Alchemilla (lady's mantle).

As summertime approaches, lift out the tulips and sink in your next round of seasonal bulb splendor. Cannas or dahlias would be a good addition.

In fall, as the summer season ends, lift out the summer bulbs to over-winter indoors and make way for another round of spring bulb planting. Leave the permanent residents intact. They'll sleep all winter with the bulbs to re-emerge next spring.

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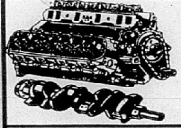
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